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neutralization product is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 5% by weight.--

--9. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidone carboxylic acid, nicotinic acid, hydroxyisobutyric acid, hydroxyisovaleric acid and mixtures thereof.--

--10. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyisobutyric acid, hydroxyisovaleric acid and mixtures thereof.--

--11. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein the chitosan comprises a partially deacetylated chitin having a degree of deacetylation of from 80 to 88%, an ash content of less than 0.3%, a Brookfield viscosity of less than 5000 mPas, and an average molecular weight within a range selected from the group consisting of 10,000 to 1,000,000 daltons and 100,000 to 5,000,000 daltons.--

--12. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 1,000,000 daltons.--

--13. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 5,000,000 daltons.--

--14. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 9, wherein the chitosan comprises a partially deacetylated chitin having a degree of deacetylation of from 80 to 88%, an ash content of less than 0.3%, a Brookfield viscosity of less than 5000 mPas, and an average molecular weight within a range selected from the group consisting of 10,000 to 1,000,000 daltons and 100,000 to 5,000,000 daltons.--

--15. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 14, wherein the

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chitosan has an average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 1,000,000 daltons.--

--16. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 14, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 5,000,000 daltons.--

--17. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein the neutralization product comprises from 1 to 10% by weight of the chitosan in the acid, based upon the weight of the neutralization product.--

--18. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 9, wherein the neutralization product comprises from 1 to 10% by weight of the chitosan in the acid, based upon the weight of the neutralization product.--

--19. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the neutralization product comprises from 1 to 10% by weight of the chitosan in the acid, based upon the weight of the neutralization product.--

--20. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 14, wherein the neutralization product comprises from 1 to 10% by weight of the chitosan in the acid, based upon the weight of the neutralization product.--

--21. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein the neutralization product comprises from 2 to 5% by weight of the chitosan in the acid, based upon the weight of the neutralization product.--

--22. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 8, wherein the preparation and at least one propellant gas are contained within a spraying device.--

--23. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 22, wherein the

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ratio by weight of the cosmetic preparation to the at least one propellant gas is from 35:65 to 45:55.--

--24. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 10, wherein the preparation and at least one propellant gas are contained within a spraying device.--

--25. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 24, wherein the ratio by weight of the cosmetic preparation to the at least one propellant gas is from 35:65 to 45:55.--

--26. (New) A cosmetic preparation comprising:

- (a) ethanol in an amount of from 70 to 90% by weight; and
- (b) a neutralization product of a chitosan and an acid selected from the group consisting of nicotinic acid, hydroxyisobutyric acid, hydroxyisovaleric acid and mixtures thereof, wherein the neutralization product comprises from 2 to 5% by weight of the chitosan in the acid, based upon the weight of the neutralization product, wherein the neutralization product is present in the preparation in an amount of from 0.01 to 5% by weight, based upon the weight of the preparation, and wherein the chitosan comprises a partially deacetylated chitin having a degree of deacetylation of from 80 to 88%, an ash content of less than 0.3%, a Brookfield viscosity of less than 5000 mPas, and an average molecular weight within a range selected from the group consisting of 10,000 to 1,000,000 daltons and 100,000 to 5,000,000 daltons.--

--27. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 26, wherein the preparation and at least one propellant gas are contained within a spraying device, and wherein the ratio by weight of the cosmetic preparation to the at least one propellant gas is from 35:65 to 45:55.--

Please cancel claims 1-7, without prejudice.